

EXECUTIVE ORDER 95-16

CONCERNING WINTER HOMELESS SHELTERING IN STATE FACILITIES FOR 1995-1996

WHEREAS, a segment of the population of the State of Arizona is without sufficient resources to obtain adequate shelter; and

WHEREAS, the well-being of this portion of the population is, therefore, threatened; and

WHEREAS, the problems created by the lack of housing have continued to grow and to affect more of the residents of this state; and

WHEREAS, certain communities within the state have indicated that they lack the financial and material resources to adequately provide the programs necessary to insure that the homeless citizens of this state receive shelter and have requested that the State provide temporary assistance when existing local facilities are fully utilized and inadequate to meet additional demands for shelter,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State, hereby:

1. Authorize and request all departments and agencies of the Arizona State government to determine what property and other resources could be available to assist the homeless citizens of this state by providing temporary shelter as a last resort when community resources are exhausted; and
2. Direct the Department of Economic Security to serve as a clearinghouse and coordination point for the collection and dissemination of information regarding State resources available to assist the homeless. The Department of Economic Security is hereby directed to inform any State agency of any request to use facilities under that agency's control to assist a local homeless shelter program, at any time while this Order remains in effect; and
3. Direct the Departments of Economic Security and Emergency Services and Military Affairs be, and hereby are, authorized to enter into support agreements with any county, city or town which determines, by official action, that there is a serious problem created by the lack of available facilities for the homeless and that local resources to meet this need have been exhausted. Such support agreements may make available appropriate existing State property as temporary shelter for the homeless, with priority given to families with children, and shall provide that the local government shall be responsible for transportation, supplies, supervision and security relating to the use of State facilities as homeless shelters. Such agreements shall provide for the reimbursement to the State of all costs reasonably identified as relating to the use of the State facility as a homeless shelter.

This Order shall expire March 31, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

*Fife Symington*  
GOVERNOR



DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this third day of October in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Nineteenth.

ATTEST:

*Jane H. Hull*  
Secretary of State

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